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By Matthew Green in Lagos and Michael Peel in

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SHELL Oil is strugg
to avoid another public
relations disaster after
the execution of Ken Saro-
Wiwa drew attention to his
campaign against the com-
ny's activities in Ogon
in southern Nigeria.

Forced to backtrack
public outcry earlier this ye
over plans to dispose of the

which has operated in Nige-
ria for almost 40 years and
owns about 30 per cent per
cent of the state oil company,
had the power to rein in the
Abacha regime's human
rights abuses.

Documents leaked to the
Guardian of a meeting in Lon-
don between the Nigerian
high commissioner and Shell
executives with senior mili-
tary and political officers
present, reveal how slow the
company was to take seri

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Shell police accused of torture

Oil firms 'had role in

'Lord take my soul, but the struggle continues...'

Ken Saro-Wiwa, 1995

On November 10th 1995, writer and activist Ken Saro-Wiwa was hanged by the Nigerian military government for campaigning against the environmental devastation of his homeland.

Saro-Wiwa showed the world how Shell's activities in the Niger Delta, such as noxious gas flaring, had devastated local communities.

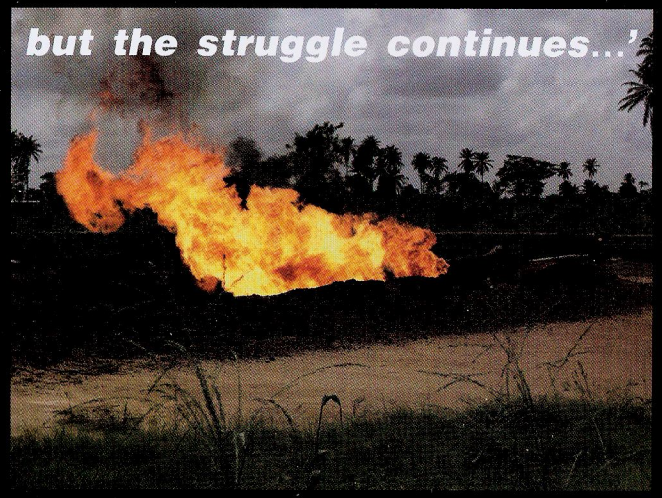
But Shell refused to listen. Instead they collaborated with the Nigerian military who committed grave human rights abuses, culminating in the execution of Saro-Wiwa and eight other activists.

Today, Shell is abusing human rights in the Niger Delta on a daily basis.

The company has poisoned local communities for over 40 years, by burning off the gas mixed with Nigerian oil. Gas flares burn 24-hours a day and produce deadly toxins, like benzene, that cause cancer and premature death.

But Shell's devastation can be stopped, and Ken Saro-Wiwa died to stop it.

In the 1990s, the minority Ogoni people of the Niger Delta rose up to demand an end to the environmental devastation. The non-violent Ogoni movement, led by Ken Saro-Wiwa, forced Shell to cease production in Ogoniland in 1993. But the Ogoni paid the ultimate price for standing up to Shell and the Nigerian military. In the crackdowns that followed, hundreds of Ogoni people were killed and many more were injured.



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Shell gas flare at Rumuekpe in the Niger Delta, which burns 24 hours a day next to a large community and is surrounded by agricultural land

Before he was hanged, Ken Saro-Wiwa predicted that one day Shell would be held accountable for 'the crimes of the ecological war the Company has waged in the Delta'.

That day has arrived.

Shell is facing trial in New York on 26th May 2009, charged with complicity in the murder of Saro-Wiwa and a range of other human rights abuses in Nigeria.

But while you read this leaflet, Shell are still flaring gas in the Niger Delta, creating a health crisis for Nigeria. Day after day, decade after decade, communities suffer the indignity of living beside toxic gas flares. But we all suffer the consequences.

Over the decades, gas flaring is one of the biggest single contributors to global climate change.

Campaigners from around the world have come together as ShellGuilty.com, to demand an immediate end to gas flaring in Nigeria and to continue the struggle for justice. Shell has all the resources to end the daily abuse of gas flaring in Nigeria, and to stop the destruction of the climate. But change will not happen unless we make them stop.